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1. Attachment A contains reports covering events and negotiations leading to the procurement and requisition of A and B sites, wherein A site is the receiving site and B is the transmitting site.

2. Attachment B is a copy of the type of lease obtained with individual land owners. It is customary in for the legal or binding copy to be held by the Notary Public of the community in which the lease is made.

3. In addition to obtaining leases on all B site land, the entire area has been requisitioned by the and has been subsequently forced. We do not have leases covering the A site, as this entire area was requisitioned outright later in the negotiations by the An explanation of the lack of private leases covering A site is that the after seeing all of the civil problems involved in private leasing, reversed its position of asking us to make private leases and merely requisitioned the land. A few remaining technicalities prevent the actual beginning of building construction as of this date. These technicalities are expected to be cleared up momentarily.

4. Attachment C is a generalized summation of money committed and spent in the construction of the base station. The legal rate of exchange is to the dollar.

5. A formal letter of agreement between the and ourselves is now being formulated, and a copy will be forwarded upon completion.

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Attachment A to [redacted]

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1. Approximately mid-June, knowing that the lease on [redacted] was to expire August 15, 1951, an attempt was made to find other properties to meet communications' needs. Land in [redacted] area was picked for two sites---one known as "A" and the other as "B". Several attempts were made to contact all owners of B site. This was most difficult because of the number of owners involved. A reputable attorney, [redacted] was employed to handle all legal situations. As a result of the slow progress, the [redacted] took over negotiations and started requisition proceedings.

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2. Prior to expiration of the August fifteenth lease, negotiations were made for the [redacted] which we now occupy (second [redacted] base). The house is located in [redacted] and all present operations are run from this base. (See [redacted] and [redacted] Station Reports.)

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3. After over two months of negotiations with owners of B site, agreements were obtained in the first days of August. Contracts were signed on August sixth in the presence of the Notary Public of [redacted] covering an area of [redacted] with the total area of the site covering [redacted]. The price was [redacted] per [redacted]

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per year, paid in advance for two years, with the option of re-leasing yearly thereafter for a period of five years. The remainder of the land, totaling [redacted] belongs to the [redacted] and two holdouts. On August twenty-ninth a contract was signed with one of the holdouts [redacted] for the same price and conditions as above, with the exception that the initial price was paid for three years instead of two. This was due to the fact that the owner lived in [redacted] and wanted use of the money while in [redacted] on a visit. As a result of the many difficulties arising out of negotiations with the [redacted] (due to communist influence in the village council), the [redacted] declared the entire area military in order to obtain the city squares and streets.

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4. On or about August fifth a contractor was engaged for hole digging, setting poles and transmission lines for rhombics. On August fourteenth purchase was made from [redacted] for sufficient fencing (barbwire) and poles to fence the entire B site area. Upon completion, [redacted] decided that this area should be better protected; therefore, an Army engineer was detailed to supervise additional protective fencing. (See Attachment C for cost)

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5. Early in July a civil engineer was engaged to survey the land, draw plans and write specifications for a single floor building for this site. On August sixth bids were submitted by four contractors. The lowest bidder was civil engineer [redacted] with a lump sum of [redacted].

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However, before a decision was taken, [redacted] contractors, lowered their figure from [redacted] and this figure was accepted. On the twenty-fourth of August a contract was signed with the latter company to erect the building within 105 days, with a forfeiture clause for any time extending beyond the stipulated period. A payment was made in the amount of [redacted]

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[redacted] with provisions for payment of [redacted] in 30 days, another [redacted] in 60 days, and upon completion and certificate of occupancy the remainder of [redacted] was to be paid. The final acceptance of the building will be done by an appointed committee composed [redacted]

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6. In view of physical security and the erection of transmission lines, it was decided that the Municipal land would be the best site for the building. On August twenty-seventh the contractor began laying out plans for the building site, digging foundation holes, etc. As a result of communist influence, the Mayor and the council of [redacted] would not agree to lease their properties. At this point the

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[redacted] again decided to requisition all municipal and holdout lands, and all building preparations stopped. The contractor was notified that the [redacted] would, for all intents and purposes, handle future administrative matters with his contract.

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The [redacted] then started negotiations to obtain this property within the B site by use of eminent domain. This latter development was started approximately six weeks ago; within the past three days the [redacted] has informed us that all obstacles have been cleared with the exception of the signature of the owner of building plot [redacted] and that they hoped we would be able to proceed within a few weeks.

7. Through the aid of the [redacted] we have been able to negotiate with the [redacted] Power Company to obtain 60 kw power lines to the new location at a cost of [redacted]

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[redacted] To obtain the above, it became necessary for the [redacted] to give [redacted] a power of attorney, authorizing him to sign any and all contracts for power installations. This procedure was adopted in order to avoid any further difficulties which might arise as a result of complicated power laws.

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2. Summary of A Site Negotiations: In June negotiations were started with the private owners of this site. The area contains approximately 63,000 square meters (1,000 sq. meters equal [redacted] equal 1 acre), and is divided into several plots. One section is owned by the Municipal Water Company, another by the city of [redacted] another by the 25X1A [redacted] and the remaining areas are broken up among many villagers from [redacted]. Negotiations with the Water Company and the [redacted] were not difficult; however, the private owners, in most cases, had no legal titles to their property other than the fact that the family had lived there for generations. As this proved to be a very complicated civil situation and based upon the experience derived from B site negotiations, the [redacted] took over negotiation proceedings and then decided to requisition the entire area. This requisition finally took place in mid-August. The time from about the first of September to the present date has been consumed by 25X1A individual negotiations with the [redacted] engineers and the [redacted] Power and Light Company for general terms of construction. Permission to fence the area was finally granted on November first. Completion of the fencing project must await receipt of an expected shipment of barbwire.

9. It is planned to construct immediately a 20' x 20' building to serve as a remote control receiving station on A site. Later this building will be used as a generator house for the dual power plants. A price of \$1,700 has been allocated against a bid submitted by the [redacted] Construction Company, 5X1A

10. "A" site will have the receiving base and general operating offices of [REDACTED] It is planned to construct 25X1A both rhombic and VF receiving antennas. The site is located 25X1A approximately one mile from B site, and is in an ideal location, as it is on a flat plateau overlooking the [REDACTED] with a three-degree clearance to the surrounding mountains. The 25X1A general agreement with the [REDACTED] is that they will negotiate and supervise construction of all facilities of this site and charge us on a cost basis. However, we will erect our own antennas and do the actual installation in the completed building. 25X1A

11. Present building plans are being prepared under the technical guidance of a local civil engineer, and the [] [] Corps of Engineers will work from these drawings, making sure that all specified materials are used. They will be able to secure priorities for the use of such scarce items as concrete, reinforced rods, etc.

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Received by [REDACTED]

6/18/51

9/12/51

9/15/51

9/18/51

9/20/51

Poles and antenna wire, hardware, etc.

7/24/51

[REDACTED] Contractor

Digging holes, erecting poles,
feed lines, and general labor

Payment on building contract

Notary Public fees

Building of guard shack

An approximate sum of \$200 for survey of lands
and architectural work still outstanding.

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Balance due on building B site

Building on A site (approx.)

Fencing A site (approx.)

Generator building A site

Generator building B site

Completion of antennas A and B (approx.)

60 KW power at B site

40 KW power at A site (approx.)

Telephone installation A and B sites (no estimate)

Roadway into B site (no estimate)

Roadway into A site (no estimate)

Water supply A and B sites (no estimate)

Underground fuel tanks A and B sites (no estimate)

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